



MILITARY JUSTICE



GOMOR and Article 15 Filing Options

The purpose of this pamphlet is to inform commanders and Soldiers of the filing possibilities for General Officer Memoranda of Reprimand (GOMOR) and completed records of non-judicial punishment (NJP).

GOMOR: AR 600-37, Unfavorable Information, governs the filing of reprimands in official personnel files. If a decision is made to file the reprimand in an official personnel file, it may be directed to the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) or to the Military Personnel Records Jacket (MPRJ).

- OMPF filing. When OMPF filing is directed, it will be filed in the performance fiche, not the restricted fiche. However, a Soldier may petition the DA Suitability Evaluation Board after one year and request transfer of the reprimand to the restricted fiche **if** the reprimand has "served its purpose." The chances of success are good if the current chain of command agrees and there is no other misconduct.
- MPRJ filing. This option only exists for enlisted Soldiers. MPRJ filing is for a period not to exceed 3 years, or until reassignment of the recipient to another general court-martial jurisdiction, whichever occurs first.
- <u>No filing</u>. Occasionally, the CG will decide not to file a reprimand. When this happens, he or she notifies the Soldier through the chain of command. The Soldier may retain or destroy the reprimand.

ARTICLE 15, UCMJ. AR 27-10, Military Justice, governs the filing of NJP in official personnel files.

- <u>Summarized Articles 15</u>. The record of punishment will be maintained locally in non-judicial punishment files (file number 27-10f) maintained at the servicing law center.
- Formal Articles 15 imposed on SPC/CPL or below. The original DA Form 2627 is filed locally (unit files) until 2 years from the date of imposition of punishment or on the Soldier's transfer to another general court-martial jurisdiction, whichever occurs first.
- Formal Articles 15 imposed on SGT and above. The imposing commander has the option of filing the record of punishment in the performance fiche or the restricted fiche of the OMPF. When performance fiche filing is directed, a copy of the record of punishment will be sent to the MPRJ. When restricted fiche filing is directed, a copy will be placed in the Service Member Individual File (SMIF).

- Records directed for filing in the restricted fiche will be redirected to the performance fiche if the Soldier has other records of non-judicial punishment reflecting misconduct in the grade of SGT or higher that have not been wholly set aside and recorded in the restricted fiche.
- SGTs and above, warrant officers, and commissioned officers may request the transfer of a record of non-judicial punishment from the performance fiche to the restricted fiche if:
 - 1 year has elapsed, and
 - the Soldier/officer received at least one non-academic evaluation report since the imposition of the punishment.
- o To support the request, the Soldier/officer must submit substantive evidence that the intended purpose of the Article 15 has been served, and that transfer of the record is in the best interest of the Army. Chain of command endorsement is helpful.

This pamphlet is intended to provide only general information and does not constitute legal advice. Soldiers desiring assistance in requesting transfer of GOMORs or Articles 15 to their restricted fiche should consult with Legal Assistance Attorneys. Contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7688 or Commercial 046-443-7688 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment with an attorney. We are located at Building 37, USAG Schinnen.